SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

Case No.: 98–1737

Complete Title of Case:

Douglas-Hanson Company, Inc., Plaintiff-Respondent,

V.

BF Goodrich Company,

Defendant-Appellant-Petitioner.

REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS Reported at: 229 Wis. 2d 132, 598 N.W.2d 262 (Ct. App. 1999-Published)

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COUNTY: St. Croix

JUDGE: Scott R. Needham

JUSTICES:

Concurred: Dissented:

Not Participating: WILCOX, J.

ATTORNEYS: For the defendant-appellant-petitioner there were briefs by Eric J. Magnuson, John B. Lunseth II and Rider, Bennett, Egan & Arundel, LLP, Minneapolis, and Daniel W. Hildebrand and DeWitt Ross & Stevens, Madison, and oral argument by Daniel W. Hildebrand.

For the plaintiff-respondent there was a brief by Michael R. Gray, Scott S. Payzant and Mackall, Crounse & Moore, PLC, Minneapolis, and oral argument by Scott S. Payzant.

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REVIEW of a decision of the Court of Appeals. Affirmed.

¶1 PER CURIAM. The court is equally divided on the question of whether the published decision of the court of appeals, <u>Douglas-Hanson Co., Inc. v. BF Goodrich Co.</u>, No. 98-1737 (June 29, 1999), should be affirmed or reversed. Chief Justice SHIRLEY S. ABRAHAMSON, Justice ANN WALSH BRADLEY, and Justice DAVID T. PROSSER would affirm; Justice WILLIAM A. BABLITCH, Justice N. PATRICK CROOKS, and Justice DIANE S. SYKES would reverse. Justice JON P. WILCOX did not participate.

 $\P 2$ Accordingly, the decision of the court of appeals is affirmed.